

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
YOSHIHISA YAMAJI, et al.) : Examiner: J. Sterrett
Application No.: 09/866,666) : Group Art Unit: 3623
Filed: May 30, 2001) :
For: ORDER TAKING APPARATUS,)
ORDER TAKING METHOD,) :
STORAGE MEDIUM, AND)
PROGRAM) : August 18, 2006

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) having been filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2006, the period for response to which having been extended to August 18, 2006 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time with fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows: